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AT THE CAPITAL.

What is Being Done by the Various Committees.

Secretary Sherman's Reply to Senator Davis

Regarding the Repeal of the Permanent Appropriations.

Investigation Into the Adulteration of Sugars.

The Democrats Kicking About the Census Appointments.

THE UTE INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, January 30.—Governor

Plum, of Colorado, today resumed his testimony before the House Committee on Indian Affairs.

He related incidents of his interview with Jack and other Indians, who showed that they had gradually lost influence over the younger Utes, and that a feeling of dissatisfaction and

was for some time past been gaining ascendancy with them. He said that some of the scouts had, previous to the Thurgate fight, been warned that the Indians would attack the troops at or near

Beaver, and that the general opinion among the people of Colorado was that the outbreak was premeditated.

SECRETARY SHERMAN'S ANSWER TO "HEN-

REPLY" p.

WASHINGTON, January 30.—The following

letter of the Secretary of the Treasury in reply to the repeal of certain permanent

and indefinite appropriations, has been addressed to Hon. H. G. Davis,

chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations:

Sir:—Referring to Senate bill No. 880,

for the repeal of certain laws relating to permanent and indefinite appropriations

recently submitted for an expression of my views regarding its provisions and for

a statement of the appropriations which will be affected thereby, I have the honor

to state, that while the system of annual appropriations, which gives to Congress

the proper supervision of all appropriations and expenditures is undoubtedly

correct, its general adoption should not be enforced without allowing sufficient time

for a proper consideration of the estimates of the amounts required to replace the

appropriations to be repealed, especially so, as the estimates of the various departments

for the next year have already been submitted to Congress, and it is now reported, on

by the committees having them in charge.

In view also of the inconvenience, if not

embarrassment, that would for a time attend this change of the system, I would

respectfully recommend that the date of the repeal be changed to take effect from

and after June 30, 1881, which, it is believed, is as early a date as would be wise

for the adoption of a repeal of so large a class of appropriations.

The following is the form of the bill

which provides for the disposition of such

balances as may remain to the credit of

the various departments at the expiration of

the period of limitation, and it is believed

that the measure will cover more fully all the points at issue

than the one already introduced, and that it

will be more generally acceptable than the one

substituted therefor, viz:

A bill to repeal certain laws relating to

permanent and indefinite appropriations:

Be it enacted, etc., That all laws hereto-

fore made for the appropriation of moneys

from the general Treasury for permanent

and indefinite appropriations, shall be

repealed, so far as they provide appropriations

for the sinking fund, for the payment of

interest, premium or principal of the

public debt, or of the bonds issued to the

Pacific Railroad Company, for the expenses

of the National debt, not exceeding one

half of one per cent of the bonds authorized

by acts of July 14, 1870, January 20, 1871

and January 14, 1875; be, and the same are

hereby repealed, to take effect from and after

course he would recommend the committee

to adopt, he said he would recommend

the committee to allow the present tariff

on sugar to remain as it is, Dutch standard

and all, and to add to the power of the

Secretary of the Treasury, authority to

employ polarization which discovers immediately

the crystallizable strength and consequent

market value of sugar, and also to employ

when he saw fit analysis in order to detect

other adulterations. In the report of the

Secretary in paying drawbacks should be

paying a drawback on sand and other articles.

In addition to that, he suggested that all

sugars of all grades should be ground and

brought to the consistency of the Dutch

standard before being appraised.

Mr. French, Assistant Secretary of the

Treasury, then came before the committee

and made a statement as to the reasons

which impelled the Secretary of the Treasury

to issue the orders in regard to the

appraisement of sugar which have been

so much complained of by importers. He

gave the history of two sugar cases, one in

San Francisco and one in Boston, in

which the question of the artificial coloration

of sugar was tried before the courts, and

from the decisions in which he declared the

principle that the Treasury Department was

not only justified but required to go behind the

apparent coloring of sugar and to ascertain its

real value. Since the adoption of the Dutch

standard the method of manufacturing

sugars has changed so that the Dutch

standard is not a true standard, even if

sugar is honestly made.

Mr. French produced and read to the

committee a letter written by Nathaniel

McKay (who has appeared before the committee

two days) and testified that there was no

fraudulent coloring of sugar in Demarara

(in Demarara) to Sir Michael Hicks Beach,

English Colonial Secretary, on the subject

of McKay's visit to British Guiana, in

which letter he stated that he had been

examined by the committee on Ways and

Means with special authority to make a

thorough investigation into the machinery

and process of making sugar in Demarara,

with the single purpose of establishing the

fact whether the artificial coloring was

practiced there or not. His examination

has proved a complete vindication of the

planters of Demarara, and that when

Congress convened he would submit his

report to the committee on Ways and

Means.

Mr. French asked the chairman

whether McKay had gone to Demarara as

agent of the Ways and Means Committee.

The chairman stated that McKay had

never been either directly or indirectly

officially authorized by the committee

to go to Demarara, and that he had been

examined by the committee on Ways and

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CINCINNATI, January 30.—In view of the

newspaper charges that Mr. Halstead, of

the Commercial, had started the story that

Gen. Grant's friends had arranged to

withdraw his name as a candidate for the

Presidency, Mr. Halstead says there is a

wide difference between that statement

and the statement that Gen. Grant will not

be a contestant for the candidacy. Mr.

Halstead says he is called on to confirm a

report said to be traced to him, that he

said George W. Childs told him that he

had a letter from Gen. Grant declining to

be a candidate for the Presidency. There

is no question of veracity between Mr.

Halstead and Mr. Childs, for Mr. Childs

never said anything of this sort and Mr.

Halstead never said he did.

Mr. Halstead says, further, that he was

informed in Philadelphia that there would

be authority for it that Grant was not a

candidate and must not be pressed in the

contest as such; that the authorization

would be distinct, the declaration decisive

and made in good time. He has not

understood that this statement has not

been taken within the past few days to

deny some things that have not been

challenged.

CRIME.

CINCINNATI, January 30.—On the heels

of the revival of speculations as to the

Baldwin homicide, last March, comes the

announcement of the death of Mrs. Mattie

Baldwin, wife of Harry Baldwin, the

victim of that mysterious tragedy, at an

early hour this morning. They had been

married scarcely three months when her

husband was shot in the street by some

one whose identity has not yet been discovered.

Her grief at the loss of her husband

was increased by reports that his killing

was the result of a liaison with a woman

of doubtful character. This report has

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

LONDON, January 30.—A dispatch from

Paris says: A coalition of the Moderate

Republicans with the Conservatives yesterday

elected Leon Say to the Presidency of the

Senate Finance Committee over

Calmon, Vice President of the Senate, the

regular Republican candidate. On the

Senate proceeding to elect a life-Senator,

vice Count Camille de Broca, the

Montanist, recently deceased, the Extreme

Left, whose turn it was to make the

nomination, selected Dr. Paul Broca, the

eminent physiologist. During the

Republican life-Senate, with twelve or

fourteen followers, who have practically

belonged to the Left Centre, and must

henceforth rank as a distinct group, mid-

way between the Left and Right Centres,

declined to be bound by the rotation sys-

tem of the Left and opposed the nomi-

nation of Dr. Broca, on the ground of his

Darwinian tendencies. They nominated

Bertalan, a well known advocate and

Republican, but opposed to the anti-Jewish

views of Jules Ferry's education bill.

A vote being taken Dr. Broca received 126

votes and Bertalan 118, scattering 12.

Dr. Broca thus receiving three less than

an absolute majority. The election was

then postponed. More than one hundred

Senators of the Right Centre supported

the nomination of Bertalan.